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Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update 2007 Fishing Year

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of December 31, 2007, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the abbreviated 2007 fishing year. Please note that these estimates are subject to late reporting and do not include recreational landings or discards. Starting in 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will manage the Atlantic swordfish quota on a calendar year basis. Due to the switch to calendar years, 2007 is an abbreviated fishing year from June 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. The 2007 annual directed landings quotas seen below have been adjusted for 2006 underharvests. In addition, per the request of the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel, NMFS is considering how to incorporate recreational swordfish landings as reported in the HMS Non-Tournament Recreational Swordfish and Billfish Landings Database and the Recreational Billfish Survey in future updates.

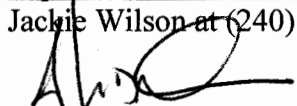
	Quota mt dw [†]	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lb dw	mt dw	lb dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (June 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007)	3,601.9*	1163.3	2,564,567	2438.6	5,376,182	32%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	4.2	9,203	295.8	652,177	1.4%
Total	4,406.4 [#]	1167.5	2,573,770	3238.9	7,140,579	26.5%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	150.4	0	0	150.4	331,572	0%

[†] North and South Atlantic swordfish quotas were published on October 5, 2007 (72 FR 56929)

* include yearly 18.8 mt dw transfer to Canada

[#] includes 504.5 mt dw allocated to the reserve; 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic swordfish fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/swordfish_quotas/swordfish_catch_statistics.htm or contact Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936.


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